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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MAHITO SHINOHARA ) Examiner: Justin P. Misleh  
Application No.: 09/935,589 ) Group Art Unit: 2612  
Filed: August 24, 2001 )  
For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		JP-A-01-243675	9/28/89	JAPAN	H04N	5/335	YES
		JP-A-10-93066	4/10/98	JAPAN	H01L	27/146	YES
		JP-A-2000-224482	8/11/00	JAPAN	HO4	5/335	YES
		JP-A-09-46596	2/14/97	JAPAN	HO4	5/335	YES

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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